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It is time to settle this case. It is not the role of government to penalize successful companies so that competitors can succeed with inferior products or marketing. The remaining opposition to the settlement are still in it for the purpose of rescuing the competing companies in their states. The only outcome of continuing the suit is detrimental to the consumer. The role of government is to protect consumers not to punish them. I strongly recommend that the agreed upon settlement be implemented as soon as possible so as to prevent ever-escalating cost to the taxpayer as well as the technology consumer.